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RETAINER )  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 26, 2002, please amend the above identified patent application without prejudice as follows:

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1. (Amended) An airspring (10) comprising a flexible cylindrical sleeve (14) secured at opposing ends, and first and second retainers (12, 26), the sleeve being secured at a first end to one of the retainers (12 or 26), and at the opposing end to other retainer (26 or 12), the improvement being characterized by:

one of the retainers (26) having an integrally formed bumper-contact surface (52) within the sleeve (14) for axial movement into the sleeve (14), for contact with the other retainer (12), and for absorbing and transmitting forces generated from such contact, the bumper contact surface (52) being centrally located on the surface of the retainer (26) which extends into the sleeve (14) during axial movement into the sleeve (14).

The above amendment is supported by the original specification.